

The Joseph Swift House
Vermilion, Ohio
Erie County

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District No. C-2

Historic American Buildings Survey
William A. Bohnard, District Officer
9815 Newton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

THE JOSEPH SWIFT HOUSE
Vermilion, ^{ERIE}~~Cuyahoga~~ County, Ohio.

Owner: Not known.

Date of Erection: 1841.

Architect: Not known.

Builder: Joseph Swift.

Present Condition: Destroyed.

Number of Stories: - - -

Materials of Construction: Frame construction, stone foundation,
Originally standing seam metal roof.

Other Existing Records: None.

Additional Data: (See following page).

Swift Residence
Vermillion, Ohio
SWIFT HOLLOW, 7 MILES S OF VERMILLION
ON VERMILLION RIVER

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Owner (or Custodian) Destroyed by fire (1920)

Date of Erection Built about 1841

Architect

Builder Joseph Swift

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Number of Stories One story

Materials of Construction Frame construction. Stone foundation. Originally standing seam metal roof.

Other Existing Records: One photograph
One page of history

Additional Data: The building was at one time one of the finest in this section of Ohio.

ADDRESS:
CHIEF ARCHITECT,
3065 NAVY BLDG.

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District No. 0-2 Northern Ohio - William A. Bohmard, Director

Project No. 0-2-6 - THE JOSEPH SWIFT HOUSE, Swift Hollow seven miles south
of Vermillion ~~on~~ the Vermillion
River, ~~Cayahoga~~ Erie County, Ohio.

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